IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for ~~allowing a communication recipient to automatically register a complaint~~ registering complaints against [[a]] communication initiator<u>s</u>, the method comprising:

(a)   receiving a [[call]] signaling message from a communication initiator relating to a communication from the communication initiator; and

(b)   extracting a parameter from the [[call]] signaling message and determining whether the communication is from a communication initiator with whom communication is not desired; and

(c)   in response to determining that the communication is from a communication initiator with whom communication is not desired, generating<u>, from a user communications terminal or service switching point (SSP) to which the communication from the communication initiator is directed,</u> a complaint registration message ~~for automatically registering a complaint against the communication initiator~~ <u>identifying the communication initiator using identifying information extracted from the signaling message and transmitting the complaint registration message to a complaint registration server.</u>

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the communication is a short message service (SMS) message.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the communication is a voice telephone call.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the communication is a facsimile message.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the parameter is telephone number for the communication initiator.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the [[call]] signaling message is a mobile call signaling message and the parameter is a mobile identification number for the communication initiator.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 comprising ~~sending~~, at the complaint registration server, in response to receiving the complaint registration message ~~to~~, performing a lookup in a complaint registration database to determine whether the communication initiator is a repeat offender.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 comprising, at the complaint registration database, in response to identifying the communication initiator as a repeat offender, generating a violation notification message in response to the complaint registration message.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 ~~wherein generating a violation notification message includes generating the violation notification message in response to determining that a complaint has previously been registered by the communication recipient against the communication initiator~~ comprising transmitting the violation notification message to an enforcement agency.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~11 including automatically identifying an enforcement agency and sending the violation notification message to the~~

~~enforcement agency~~ <u>12 wherein transmitting the violation notification message to an</u>

<u>enforcement agency includes transmitting the violation notification message to an</u>

<u>enforcement agency local to the communication initiator.</u>

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 wherein ~~sending~~ <u>transmitting</u> the violation notification message to an enforcement agency includes ~~sending~~ <u>transmitting</u> the violation notification message to a government agency.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 comprising, in response to receiving the [[call]] signaling message ~~from the communication initiator~~, notifying the communication initiator that no further communication with the communication recipient is to be attempted.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 including notifying the communication initiator that the complaint registration message is being sent to a complaint registration database.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving a [[call]] signaling message from a communication initiator includes receiving a session initiation protocol (SIP) message at [[an]] <u>a</u> SIP phone.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the SIP message is an Invite message.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein extracting a parameter from the [[call]] signaling message includes extracting a parameter from the From field of the Invite message for identifying the communication initiator.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for automatically generating a complaint registration message in response to receiving a [[call]] signaling message relating to a communication from a communication initiator with whom communication is not desired, the method comprising:

at a ~~communication recipient~~ <u>user communications</u> terminal <u>associated with a</u>

<u>communication recipient</u>:

(a)   receiving a [[call]] signaling message from a communication initiator relating to

a communication from the initiator;

(b)   determining, based on a parameter in the [[call]] signaling message, whether

the communication initiator has previously been notified not to initiate

communications [[to]] <u>with</u> the communication recipient; and

(c)   in response to determining that the communication initiator has been

previously notified <u>not to initiate communications with the communication</u>

<u>recipient</u>, automatically generating, based on the [[call]] signaling message

~~from the initiator~~, a complaint registration message <u>including information</u>

<u>extracted from the signaling message for</u> identifying the communication

initiator <u>and transmitting the complaint registration message to a complaint</u>

<u>registration server</u>.

21.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 comprising ~~forwarding the complaint~~

~~registration message to,~~ <u>at the complaint registration server, performing a lookup in</u> a

complaint registration database <u>using the identifying information from the complaint</u>

<u>registration message to determine whether the communication initiator is a repeat</u>

<u>offender</u>.

22.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 comprising, at the complaint

registration ~~database~~ <u>server</u>, ~~determining whether complaints have been previously~~

~~registered against the initiator, and~~ in response to determining that ~~complaints have~~

~~been previously registered~~ <u>the communication initiator is a repeat offender,</u>

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generating a violation message and ~~forwarding~~ transmitting the violation message to an enforcement authority.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein receiving a [[call]] signaling message at a communication recipient terminal includes receiving a session initiation protocol (SIP) message at a SIP phone.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein generating the complaint registration message comprises generating the complaint registration message at the SIP phone.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the SIP message is an Invite message and the parameter is a calling party identifier in a From field of the Invite message.

26. (Currently Amended) A system for ~~enabling a called party to register~~ registering a complaint against a ~~calling party~~ communications initiator, the system comprising:

    (a)   a ~~called party~~ communications terminal adapted to receive ~~call signaling~~ ~~messages from calling parties and to generate a complaint registration~~ ~~message in response to determining that one of the call signaling messages~~ ~~relates to a call from a calling party with whom communication is not desired~~ communications and signaling messages associated with the communications from communications initiators, wherein the communications terminal is adapted to determine whether the communication is from a communications initiator with whom communication is not desired, and wherein, in response to determining that the communication is from a communications initiator with whom communication is not desired, the communications terminal is adapted to generate and forward a complaint registration message to a complaint registration server, the complaint registration message including information

> extracted from one of the signaling messages for identifying the
> communications initiator; and

> (b)   a complaint registration ~~database application~~ server operatively associated
> with the communications terminal for receiving and processing the complaint
> registration message.

27.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 wherein the ~~called party~~ communication
terminal is a session initiation protocol (SIP)-capable phone.

28.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 wherein the ~~called party~~
communications terminal is a personal computer.

29.   (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein the complaint registration message is
based on information contained in a calling party call setup signaling message.

30.   (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein the complaint registration message is a
SIP message.

31.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 wherein the complaint registration
~~database application~~ server is adapted to generate a violation notification message.

32.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31 wherein the complaint registration
~~database application~~ server is adapted to send the violation notification message to a
third party.

33.   (Original) The system of claim 32 wherein the third party is a government agency.

34.   (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein the ~~called party~~ communications terminal
adapted to generate a complaint registration message in response to a manual or
user initiated trigger.

35. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 wherein the ~~called party~~ communication<u>s</u> terminal includes a call blocking database that is adapted to store identification information related to a calling party that has been notified that communication with the called party is not desired.

36. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35 wherein the ~~called party~~ communication<u>s</u> terminal is adapted to generate the complaint registration message automatically in response to determining that an entry exists for the calling party in the call blocking database.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving a [[call]] signaling message includes receiving an IP telephony call signaling message.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein ~~sending~~ <u>transmitting</u> the complaint registration message to a complaint registration ~~database~~ <u>server</u> includes ~~sending~~ <u>transmitting</u> the message to a complaint registration ~~database~~ <u>server</u> storing previously-registered complaints indexed by at least one of called and calling party identifiers.

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein receiving a [[call]] signaling message includes receiving an IP telephony call signaling message.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein ~~sending~~ <u>transmitting</u> the complaint registration message to a complaint registration ~~database~~ <u>server</u> includes sending the message to a complaint registration ~~database~~ <u>server</u> storing previously-registered complaints indexed by at least one of called and calling party identifiers.

41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 wherein the ~~called party~~ communication<u>s</u> terminal comprises an IP telephony communication<u>s</u> terminal.

42.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 wherein the complaint registration ~~database~~ <u>server</u> is adapted to store previously registered complaints indexed by at least one of called and calling party identification information.

43.   (New) The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) is performed by the communications terminal.

44.   (New) The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) is performed by the SSP.

45.   (New) A computer program product comprising computer executable instructions embodied in a computer readable medium for performing steps comprising:

   (a)   receiving a signaling message associated with a communication from a communications initiator;

   (b)   extracting information for identifying the communications initiator from the signaling message;

   (c)   performing a lookup in a table to determine whether to allow the communication to be completed;

   (d)   in response to failing to locate an entry in the table, allowing the communication to be completed;

   (e)   determining whether a manual trigger has been generated by a user communications terminal to which the communication is directed; and

   (f)   in response to determining that a manual trigger has been generated by the user communications terminal, generating a complaint registration message from at least one of the user communications terminal and a service switching point (SSP) with which the user communications terminal is currently

associated, and transmitting the complaint registration message to a complaint registration server.

46.   (New) A complaint registration server comprising computer executable instructions embodied in a computer readable medium for performing steps comprising:

(a)   receiving complaint registration messages generated by at least one of user telephony communications terminals and telephony end offices in response to unwanted communications directed to the communications terminals;

(b)   extracting communication initiator identifying information from one of the complaint registration messages;

(c)   performing a lookup in a complaint registration database and determining whether a match is present in the complaint registration database; and

(d)   in response to determining that a match is present in the complaint registration database, identifying the communication initiator as a repeat offender and generating and forwarding a violation message to an enforcement agency.